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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

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For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of independent Claims 1, 12 and 19, as amended herein, is patentable over Schroeder and favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2-11, 13-18 and 20-31 are dependent on one or another of independent Claim 1, 12 or 19, and therefore such dependent claims are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend.

It is respectfully submitted that in regard to the above claim amendments and remarks that the pending application is patentable over the art of record and prompt review and issuance is accordingly requested. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

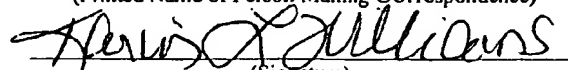

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